

## Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

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assessed, the taxable period, if applicable, and the amounts assessed.

### § 301.6204-1 Supplemental assessments.

If any assessment is incomplete or incorrect in any material respect, the district director or the director of the regional service center, subject to the restrictions with respect to the assessment of deficiencies in income, estate, gift, chapter 41, 42, 43, and 44 taxes, and subject to the applicable period of limitation, may make a supplemental assessment for the purpose of correcting or completing the original assessment.

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### § 301.6205-1 Special rules applicable to certain employment taxes.

For regulations under section 6205, see § 31.6205-1 of this chapter (Employment Tax Regulations).

## DEFICIENCY PROCEDURES

### § 301.6211-1 Deficiency defined.

(a) In the case of the income tax imposed by subtitle A of the Code, the estate tax imposed by chapter 11, subtitle B, of the Code, the gift tax imposed by chapter 12, subtitle B, of the Code, and any excise tax imposed by chapter 41, 42, 43, or 44 of the Code, the term “deficiency” means the excess of the tax, (income, estate, gift, or excise tax as the case may be) over the sum of the amount shown as such tax by the taxpayer upon his return and the amounts previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency; but such sum shall first be reduced by the amount of rebates made. If no return is made, or if the return (except a return of income tax pursuant to sec. 6014) does not show any tax, for the purpose of the definition “the amount shown as the tax by the taxpayer upon his return” shall be considered as zero. Accordingly, in any such case, if no deficiencies with respect to the tax have been assessed, or collected without assessment, and no rebates with respect to the tax have been made, the deficiency is the amount of the income tax imposed by subtitle A, the estate tax imposed by chapter 11, the gift tax imposed by chapter 12, or any excise tax imposed by chapter 41, 42, 43, or 44. Any

amount shown as additional tax on an “amended return,” so-called (other than amounts of additional tax which such return clearly indicates the taxpayer is protesting rather than admitting) filed after the due date of the return, shall be treated as an amount shown by the taxpayer “upon his return” for purposes of computing the amount of a deficiency.

(b) For purposes of the definition, the income tax imposed by subtitle A and the income tax shown on the return shall both be determined without regard to the credit provided in section 31 for income tax withheld at the source and without regard to so much of the credit provided in section 32 for income taxes withheld at the source as exceeds 2 percent of the interest on tax-free covenant bonds described in section 1451. Payments on account of estimated income tax, like other payments of tax by the taxpayer, shall likewise be disregarded in the determination of a deficiency. Any credit resulting from the collection of amounts assessed under section 6851 or 6852 as the result of a termination assessment shall not be taken into account in determining a deficiency.

(c) The computation by the Internal Revenue Service, pursuant to section 6014, of the income tax imposed by subtitle A shall be considered as having been made by the taxpayer and the tax so computed shall be considered as the tax shown by the taxpayer upon his return.

(d) If so much of the credit claimed on the return for income taxes withheld at the source as exceeds 2 percent of the interest on tax-free covenant bonds is greater than the amount of such credit allowable, the unpaid portion of the tax attributable to such difference will be collected not as a deficiency but as an underpayment of the tax shown on the return.

(e) This section may be illustrated by the following examples:

*Example 1.* The amount of income tax shown by the taxpayer upon his return for the calendar year 1954 was \$1,600. The taxpayer had no amounts previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency. He claimed a credit in the amount of \$2,050 for tax withheld at source on wages under section 3402, and a refund of \$450 (not a rebate under section 6211) was made to him

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as an overpayment of tax for the taxable year. It is later determined that the correct tax for the taxable year is \$1,850. A deficiency of \$250 is determined as follows:

Tax imposed by subtitle A .....	\$1,850
Tax shown on return .....	\$1,600
Tax previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency .....	None
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Amount of rebates made .....	None
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>51,600</b>
<b>Deficiency .....</b>	<b>250</b>

*Example 2.* The taxpayer made a return for the calendar year 1954 showing a tax of \$1,250 before any credits for tax withheld at the source. He claimed a credit in the amount of \$800 for tax withheld at source on wages under section 3402 and \$60 for tax paid at source under section 1451 upon interest on bonds containing a tax-free covenant. The taxpayer had no amounts previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency. The district director determines that the 2 percent tax paid at the source on tax-free covenant bonds is \$40 instead of \$60 as claimed by the taxpayer and that the tax imposed by subtitle A is \$1,360 (total tax \$1,400 less \$40 paid at source on tax-free covenant bonds). A deficiency in the amount of \$170 is determined as follows:

Tax imposed by subtitle A (\$1,400 minus \$40) .....	\$1,360
Tax shown on return (\$1,250 minus \$60) .....	\$1,190
Tax previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency .....	None
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,190</b>
Amount of rebates made .....	None
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>1,190</b>
<b>Deficiency .....</b>	<b>170</b>

(f) As used in section 6211, the term *rebate* means so much of an abatement, credit, refund, or other repayment as is made on the ground that the income tax imposed by subtitle A, the estate tax imposed by chapter 11, the gift tax imposed by chapter 12, or the excise tax imposed by chapter 41, 42, 43, or 44, is less than the excess of (1) the amount shown as the tax by the taxpayer upon the return increased by the amount previously assessed (or collected without assessment) as a deficiency over (2) the amount of rebates previously made. For example, assume that the amount of income tax shown by the taxpayer upon his return for the taxable year is \$600 and the amount claimed as a credit under section 31 for income tax withheld at the source is \$900. If the district director determines that the tax imposed by subtitle A is

\$600 and makes a refund of \$300, no part of such refund constitutes a “rebate” since the refund is not made on the ground that the tax imposed by subtitle A is less than the tax shown on the return. If, however, the district director determines that the tax imposed by subtitle A is \$500 and refunds \$400, the amount of \$100 of such refund would constitute a rebate since it is made on the ground that the tax imposed by subtitle A (\$500) is less than the tax shown on the return (\$600). The amount of such rebate (\$100) would be taken into account in arriving at the amount of any deficiency subsequently determined.

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### § 301.6212-1 Notice of deficiency.

(a) *General rule.* If a district director or director of a service center (or regional director of appeals), determines that there is a deficiency in respect of income, estate, or gift tax imposed by subtitle A or B, or excise tax imposed by chapter 41, 42, 43, or 44, of the Code, such official is authorized to notify the taxpayer of the deficiency by either registered or certified mail.

(b) *Address for notice of deficiency—(1) Income, gift, and chapter 41, 42, 43, and 44 taxes.* Unless the district director for the district in which the return in question was filed has been notified under the provisions of section 6903 as to the existence of a fiduciary relationship, notice of a deficiency in respect of income tax, gift tax, or tax imposed by chapter 41, 42, 43, or 44 shall be sufficient if mailed to the taxpayer at his last known address, even though such taxpayer is deceased, or is under a legal disability, or, in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence.

(2) *Joint income tax returns.* If a joint income tax return has been filed by husband and wife, the district director (or assistant regional commissioner, appellate) may, unless the district director for the district in which such joint return was filed has been notified by either spouse that a separate residence has been established, send either a joint or separate notice of deficiency to the taxpayers at their last known